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MY DEAR DOCTOR:

The enclosed inquiries are addressed to you by the AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE CURE OF INEBRIATES, which was organized in 1870 for the purpose of studying the nature and causes of inebriety from a purely scientific standpoint.

The purpose of these questions is to gather the practical experience and observation of leading members of the medical profession, as a basis for a more accurate knowledge of the nature and character of inebriety.

Full answers to these inquiries, and other facts relating to this subject, are most earnestly solicited, and will be fully credited to each reporter. The results of this investigation will be sent to each one free when published.

Trusting to hear from you soon, I am with thanks,

Very truly yours,

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Sec. of Committee
and Editor of Journal of Inebriety.

CAN you give any facts from observation, bearing on the heredity of inebriety; particularly as to the presence of Insanity, Epilepsy, Phthisis, Inebriety, or other neuroses in the parents or relatives of Inebriates?

Give cases with histories if possible?

CAN you give any history of inebriates whose drinking habit born or was influenced by head injuries, encephalitis, or could be traced to mental shock, disease or injury of any kind; also to overwork, nervous exhaustion, anaemia, and any specific causes which broke down or injured the system?

CAN you give any history of inebriates whose drinking dated from or was influenced by head injuries, sunstroke, syphilis; or could be traced to mental shock, disease or injury of any kind; also to overwork, nervous exhaustion, anaemia, and any specific causes which broke down or injured the system?

Can you give any facts from observation bearing on the possibility of inebriety; particularly as to the presence of insanity, epilepsy, tubercle, leucemia, or other diseases in the parents or relatives of inebriates?
(Give cases with histories if possible)

HAVE you seen any cases in which insanity or epilepsy either preceded or followed inebriety? If so, was it traced to the use of alcohol alone or was it due in part, or in whole, to some inherited or acquired diathesis?

HAVE you noted any distinction between the different forms of inebriety, such as irregular, continuous, or periodical inebriety? State any facts you have collected which relate to the periods and forms of inebriety.

HAVE you noted any distinction between the different forms of inebriety, such as irregular, continuous, or periodical inebriety? State any facts you have noticed which relate to the periods and forms of drinking?

HAVE you seen any cases in which insanity or epilepsy either preceded or followed inebriety? If so, was it traced to the use of alcohol alone or was it due in part or in whole, to some inherited or acquired disease?

WHAT particular mental and physical changes have you noticed concerning the character and general health of the inebriate, that would suggest the idea of disease and the need of physical care and treatment?

HAVE you noticed any form or condition of inebriety that seems to be produced or is largely influenced by the kind of alcoholic drink used, or the work engaged in, or the food or climate, or any other unsanitary surroundings?

Illustrative cases concerning any of these inquiries will be welcome, and a full expression of opinion from observation and experience is urgently requested.

WAT particular mental and physical changes have you noticed concerning the character and general health of the inebriate, that would suggest the idea of disease and the need of physical care and treatment?